

News with Richard Petcher

Coffee County Extension Agent

UPDATE

As of today, Wednesday, July 16, both the cotton and peanuts are growing like crazy and both have a good potential to make a good crop. Peanuts have a tremendous amount of Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus in them. This may or may not produce a great crop loss at harvest, as often the healthy peanuts will stretch out and produce extra peanuts making up for the plant loss.

The corn has just about made. I don't know of anyone who made their record crop this year, but almost everyone did make a good crop. That is kind of rare as almost every year because of spotted rains, some growers have a corn failure. Soybeans are also doing quite well.

COTTON

As you know, earliness is a key to cotton production. Because of our cotton crop being about two to two and a half weeks behind schedule, you will still want to strategize for earliness. There are several things that will prolong cotton harvest. The first of these would be plant bugs. Losing early squares will just prolong days till harvest. Nitrogen is critical to cotton growth. About 90 units of N applied just as the plant needs it is the key. Too much nitrogen or too late-applied nitrogen often produces excessive vegetative growth and delays harvest and makes defoliation difficult. With all the rains we have had, adding Sulfur to the Nitrogen side-dress mix would pay off. Fixing your cotton in a timely manner will help to enhance fruit growth and increase earliness. If you have not been using Pix, this year would be a good one to start.

REACH FOR A PEACH

The other day I was visiting with Mr. Roy Johnson in Ino. I went to see his cotton.

As we were walking to the field,

Stan Windham-County Agent

Canola in hog diets- will it work?

Swine production is a major industry around the Wiregrass. Many folks have continued through good and bad times to do a good job with their hogs. Feed cost, by far, are the number one indicator for making profits. Because of this, many people have been interested in canola as a feed. I will try to give you a brief response.

Canola can be used to replace some or all of the protein from soybean meal in diets for grow/finish hogs. It typically contains 38% protein, 2.3% lysine and 13% fiber. Most data on feeding canola is from Canada, so the high fiber is not such an issue as it is here. The bottom line on feeding canola meal is price and availability.

There is no one in Alabama that will admit to crushing canola. Any meal available to us must be coming from Chattanooga, Augusta or possibly Kentucky. As far as the price, \$240 per ton looks to be the maximum price for inclusion in finishing diets, based on \$320 per ton for SBM48 and 3.25 per bushel for corn. Canola meal can replace all of the protein from soybean meal for finishing pigs (120 pounds to market), but should be limited to 300 pounds per ton in grower diets (60 to 120 pounds). Feeding these levels had no effect on pig performance in Canadian trials.

Because of the fiber content, we may expect a slight reduction in feed intake and growth during the summer with these levels in Alabama.

If you need specific diets or more information, please call me at 894-5596.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
CERYL ANN SCARBROUGH,
PETITIONER,
vs.
KEVIN SCARBROUGH,
Respondent.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
DR 97-24
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
DIVORCE

Kevin Scarbrough, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petitioner's Petition for Divorce by 9-15-97, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him. Case No. DR 97-24, Coffee County, Alabama. Done this 17th day of July, 1997.
Julian Ellis
CIRCUIT CLERK 7-24-318-7-14ch

An education is something that can't be taken away from you!

GO FOR IT!!!

Sandra Coffey-County Extension Coordinator

Cooking with blueberries

BLUEBERRIES

Blueberries are ripe all over the county. While we have a good supply, you might want to preserve some of them. Following are some of the recommended methods.

To freeze blueberries by the tray pack method, pack unwashed berries in a single layer on a baking sheet or tray. (If berries are washed before freezing, they tend to have tough skins.) Berries should not be crowded on the tray. Place them in the freezer.

When frozen, pack berries into containers. Fasten lids or seal securely and return to freezer. Wash berries before using. To dry pack, place unwashed berries into containers, leaving a 1/2 inch headspace. Fasten lids or seals securely and freeze. Wash berries before using.

Mr. Roy Johnson also gave me a tip that left a mark on me that I would like to pass on to you. He said, "You need to find someone who grows Belle of Georgia peaches. You owe it to yourself. Either grow some good peaches or find someone who grows good peaches. And take the time to visit them when peaches are ripe." There are several peach farms in our area. The season is almost over now, but between now and next year, do yourself a favor and find someone who grows good peaches.

George Tabb-County Agent

Coming in out of the rain

Let's face it. No one enjoyed being out on the rain. Unfortunately, that included some insects. With all the rain we have had, adding Sulfur to the Nitrogen side-dress mix would pay off. Fixing your cotton in a timely manner will help to enhance fruit growth and increase earliness. If you have not been using Pix, this year would be a good one to start.

Millipedes invading homes can be a problem when there is a lot of moisture. And as some homeowners have discovered, millipedes are not insects but belong to the arthropod class Diplopoda which means "two footed." Millipedes have more than one pair of legs per body segment.

Other insects also may be noticeable with the wet summer weather. For example, pillbugs (commonly called sowbugs or roly pollys) may be more noticeable around your house and potted plants.

During and after rains, Argentine ants may be a problem. They are trying to get away from wet weather so they come inside your home. Wipe down trails of Argentine ants with warm soapy water and use a bait for control.

Scorpions also may be coming inside your home because of the wet weather. This is also time of year they are having their babies. The Southern Devil Scorpion is the most prevalent scorpion in Alabama. Leaf litter and wood piles are their habitats of choice.

Usually, you will find one scorpion in your home instead of an invasion of them. However, on rare occasions, they can build up in great numbers.

Check closets and storage boxes for scorpions. One way to check for scorpions is to wait until it is dark and shine a black light. Scorpions are fluorescent in black light and will turn a bluish color under the light.

Anything registered for flying or crawling insects can be used for controlling scorpions. However, if you find only one or two scorpions inside, simply sweep them back outside.

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It is the policy of the Elba General Hospital and Elba Nursing Home to admit and treat all patients without regard to race, color, national origin or the handicapped. The same requirements for admission are applied to everyone and patients are signed with the facilities without regard to race, color, national origin or the handicapped. Room assignments are made on random basis which may create bi-racial room occupancy on a frequent basis. Room transfers between facilities when made, will be without regard to race, color, national origin or the handicapped.

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All facilities of the Elba General Hospital and Elba Nursing Home are available without distinction to all patients and visitors regardless of race, color, national origin or the handicapped.
Dated this 1st day of June, 1997.
Ellen C. Bailey
Administrator 7-310,17,24ch

Blueberry Buckle

3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup soft vegetable shortening (or butter)
1/2 cup milk
2 cups all-purpose flour (optional: 1/2 teaspoon salt)
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder (optional: 3/4 teaspoon grated lemon rind)
2 cups fresh or drained canned blueberries (or 1 pint defrosted frozen berries)

Preheat oven to 350 or 375 degrees F. Sift together the dry ingredients and set aside.

In a large mixer bowl cream shortening with the sugar; when smooth beat in the egg and lemon rind. At low speed blend in the milk, then the sifted dry ingredients; when smooth stir in, by hand, the blueberries. Pour into a greased and floured

7-1/2-inch baking pan and sprinkle topping (below) over the batter.

Measure all ingredients into a small bowl and blend them with a fork or a pastry blender until the mixture is almost the consistency of cornmeal. Sprinkle it over the Blueberry Buckle before baking it. This is also a fine topping for a simple white or yellow cake instead of the usual icing.

Wipe jar rims and adjust lids. Process in a boiling water bath canner. Half pints, 5 minutes.

Blueberry Jelly

2 quarts blueberries
7 1/2 cups sugar
12 cups sugar
22 ounces liquid pectin

Wash blueberries and discard bad ones. Thoroughly crush berries, one layer at a time, in a large, thick-bottomed saucepan. Bring to a boil on high heat; cover and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Extract juice by straining through a colander and then through a jelly bag or a double layer of cheesecloth. Do not press or squeeze the bag.

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Garbage container discussion consumes commission meeting

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Although the Coffee County Commission's Monday morning meeting agenda had only one item of business on the agenda it lasted just over an hour.

During the general business session, the question of garbage came up sparking a lengthy discussion and several motions.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple stated that he wanted to clarify one thing concerning the delivery of garbage containers.

"Each resident doesn't have to go pick up their garbage container," he said. "The contractor is required by the terms of the contract to deliver the container to each residence."

The terms of the contract signed with MDI (Mark Dunning Industries) of Dothan states: "Household waste shall be collected by the Contractor at curb side from one container provided and maintained 90-gallon roll-out container once per week. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating and delivering to each residence."

In the last commission meeting (July 14), Jeff Massey, representing MDI, appeared before the commission and briefed them on plans for the transition of the county's garbage collection.

The company's plan called for county residents to come by a central

location and sign up for collection service with MDI and at the same time pick up their 90-gallon container.

The site selected by MDI for the sign-up and container distribution is near the Coffee County Health Department building in Enterprise.

Massey was asked at that time why the cars were not being delivered to each household. He stated in past experiences in start-ups (6 to 7), by his company, this method has proved to be the best way.

He also noted that no accurate, up-to-date list exists of the households enrolled in the county's present garbage collection service.

Advertisement was placed with local newspapers and radio stations notifying the public of the time and dates county residents could begin signing up for the service. Flyers are also being circulated throughout the county.

Commissioner Dalrymple had questioned the company's method of sign-up and container distribution at the last commission meeting.

In Monday's meeting, he noted that he had received numerous calls concerning the distribution procedure, and he wanted the terms of the contract signed with MDI made clear.

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion that MDI adhere to

the terms of the contract and that containers be delivered to county residents. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bernest Brooks.

Commissioner Stephens' motion passed in a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Stephens, Brooks, Dalrymple, and Len Averett supported the motion while Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Kayo Lewis, and Tom Grimley opposed the motion.

Those commissioners opposing Stephens' motion expressed their opinion that MDI was meeting at the present time, the terms of the contract. County attorney Kenneth Fuller agreed.

The matter was not quite laid to rest. A short time later, Commissioner Averett made another motion concerning garbage. His motion was that the garbage container pick-up and service sign-up center remain in place allowing citizens to pick up their container if they choose to do so. Averett's motion passed by a unanimous vote.

It was suggested by commissioners that anyone having any questions concerning the "garbage pick-up enrollment and container delivery" should call MDI at 1-800-735-5111.

Turning to other matters, the commissioners heard a request from Angelo Favre, who asked the commission for financial assistance in acquiring a van to be used in transporting disabled veterans.

Favre explained that the present van had more than 300,000 miles on it and the local VFW Post was set to receive a van in 1998. This vehicle is used to carry disabled vets to medical appointments, to the hospital, and on many other beneficial trips. Commissioners voted to place \$2,500 in next year's budget to be used toward paying for this new vehicle.

Charles Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, briefed the commission on the progress of E-911 in the county.

"We are making great progress in assigning addresses throughout the county," he said. "We have completed more than half of the rural area of the county."

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Steve Thompson, former Elba High School band director, was recently named a vice president of SouthTrust Bank of Dothan. We knew Steve was in banking, occasionally running into him at meetings, but little did we know he was blowing his horn this loudly! We congratulate Steve, wife Claudia and son Ryan, and wish them continued success.

The new movie on the life of former Governor George Wallace is not getting reviews from those close to the Wallace family. That is not surprising, frankly we don't expect anyone who lived through the years witnessing first hand the history being made, will care for the new flick. Studying about the why of this, our personal reasons are that the show, and the actors, differ from the actual image etched in our brain as the events unfolded. Agree with what happened or not, it is human nature to want a movie to reflect our memories of the events as we think they happened.

The news this week is that the "Washington crowd" is close to approving a federal budget which has both tax cuts and a promise of a balanced budget. This deal is supported by Republican leaders in Congress and by the Democratic White House, which should insure passage. With no idea what the final terms will be, we base our approval of the plan on two things... 1st, we like tax cuts and balanced budgets (real ones); 2nd, a liberal Democrat in the U. S. House of Representatives is upset with the plan, which means it should be good news for conservatives.

The incident in Prattville last week where a youth baseball coach got into a fight with an umpire over a call, is frightening. These games are promoted as building character in children, but now the question is "What kind of character?" Sure, people, including yours truly, disagree with the call of an umpire... it is all opinion and individuals have individual opinions; but fighting over it, it is only a ball game and this guy's team won! Personally, our opinion is that the one-year suspension is not enough; children need the guidance of someone with more self control than that guy seems capable of exhibiting.

Fire ants have become common place in South Alabama, but not something to brag about. Anyone who has stepped into a bed of the demons will cheer any successful effort to rid the area of them. Auburn University is working in that direction, but has no magic cure right now. One group of experts has found a fly, also from South America, that might help some. The Phorid Fly lays eggs on the head of the fire ant. The eggs hatch and burrow into the fire ant head, which soon falls off. The larva lives in the head until it becomes a fly and the cycle starts over again. Sounds good, if the Phorid Fly itself doesn't become a pest!

There was a murder in Enterprise Monday night. A man was killed while trying to make a night bank deposit. We know no more details, but that little bit is enough. Needless to say, we worry at such senseless acts of violence.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JULY 21 Thru JULY 27, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 21, 1997, investigated the following incidents: four criminal misdeeds, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, four thefts of property, two assaults, one harassment, one rape, and one harassing communication. No arrests were made during the week.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: seven for speeding, one for driving without a driver's license, one for an expired tag, and one for driving while driver's license are suspended.

Daily activity highlights were as follows: MONDAY, JULY 21 - River stage - 3.42 (6:59 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (10:13 p.m.); Rescue run to wreck on U. S. Hwy. 84W (10:21 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 22 - River stage - 3.39 feet (6:43 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 - River stage - 3.61 (6:02 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Cash & Carry on Reese Ave. (6:30 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JULY 24 - Disturbance (domestic) at Elba Villas (5:34 a.m.); River stage - no report; Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 166 (11:44 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 25 - River stage - 3.69 feet (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (5:05 p.m.); Rescue run to Family Dollar (6:41 p.m.); Possible breaking and entering reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (11:11 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 26 - Disturbance reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (1:55 p.m.); River stage - 3.70 (6:22 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Roosevelt Dr. (9:04 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (10:47 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 27 - Fight reported in Mulberry Park (1:03 a.m.); Gunshots reported on Brunson Circle (2:53 a.m.); Gunshots reported in Mulberry Park (5:15 a.m.); River stage - 3.36 feet (6:10 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 167 and Co. Rd. 114 (10:57 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 167 and Co. Rd. 114 (4:34 a.m.).

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KINSTON POLICE GET FUNDS The Kinston police department received a check for \$10,000 from Senator Dwight Adams recently. Adams explained the funds were from legislative discretionary funds. Kinston officials plan to put these funds with some others and use the money to upgrade department equipment. Pictured above are Police Commissioner Kenneth Seay, Senator Adams and Police Chief Tim Jeter.



KINSTON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER recently received a \$1,000 check from Senator Dwight Adams as part of the Alabama legislative discretionary funds. Plans are to use the money to meet needed upgrades on center furniture. Pictured above are: front left to right, Ethel Mae Smith, Adams and Center Director Betty Seay. Back row Ernie Nell Malloy and City Clerk Brenda Clark.

Man greeted on 50th birthday by Army friend who saved his life 27 years ago

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Doug Lawson was honored recently with a birthday party, commemorating his 50th birthday (Lawson claims it's birthday number 29). About 50 friends, relatives and neighbors attended the Saturday afternoon event staged by Lawson's wife Ruby and their three children.

Lawson, who was paralyzed in a diving accident in 1969, was surprised when he entered the party to see the man who saved his life on that May 9th, 1969 day, five days before they were both scheduled for discharge from the U. S. Army. It was the first time the two have faced each other in 27 years, even though they have talked on the telephone several times.

The accident happened when the men were stationed at Ft. Eustas, VA, after returning from a tour in Vietnam in the height of the war.

Lawson and Tommy Latta, who now lives eight miles North of Oneonta, AL., had been drafted into the military at the same time; their serial numbers were one number apart and every set of orders was on, so was the other.

The aircraft mechanics served at Ft. Benning, Ft. Rucker, South Vietnam and then their final assignment at Ft. Eustas.

Four buddies were on a long public pier, extending 500 feet out into the James River, celebrating their surviving the war and coming military discharge when it all happened.

Lawson dove into the river, not realizing the mile-wide river was only a few feet deep at this point.

When his head struck the bottom, he instantly knew something

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search revealed that the road was being maintained by the county prior to the county's adopting the unit system in the early '80's.

After seconding Westbrook's motion, Commissioner Averett amended the original motion to include the extension of Co. Rd. 720 to Co. Rd. 715.

During the discussion of both the original motion and amendment, County Engineer Randy Tindell cautioned the commission not to act hastily on this matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stephens to table the matter until a "policy concerning the acquiring of previously county maintained roads could be established."

Stephens' motion passed 4-3,

with Brooks, Grimley, Lewis, and Stephens voting for, and Westbrook, Dalrymple, and Averett casting opposing votes.

Other action taken by the commission consisted of the following: ***Approved phase two of the development of Sleepy Hollow Estates by Trinity Land Company of Enterprise. The subdivision is located just off Co. Rd. 704 (Headless Horseman Road).

***A motion by Commissioner Stephens to "suspend the rules" and re-tire Roy Childs in the county maintenance department died for the lack of a second.

***Approved the purchase of a used refrigerator for the New Hope Senior Citizens Center.

ATTENTION FARMERS!!!



The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a Farmer's Market each Saturday during the growing season. Farmers are asked to bring their excess produce, crafts and flowers to share with the public. They will be allowed to set-up inside the square.

COME ON DOWN!!!!

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of July 22, 1997 through July 28, 1997. They were: William Henderson, Jeneeda Hardwick, Lena Rushing, Fannie Berry, Lorenzo Johnson, Ethel Abernethy, Patrick Rushing, Patricia English, W. K. Cotter, Ola Mae Stallings, Ocie Phillips, James McCurley, Inez Weeks, James Capps, Tishie Capps, Ivey Daughtry, Elaine Thomas, Minnie Thigpen, and Minnie Matthews.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Grace Burks, Fannie Berry, Eunice Maxwell, Ira Maddox, John Johnson, Wilene Clark, Minnie Matthews, Oscar J. McClendon, Lena Rushing, Patricia English, Betty Parrish, Ethel Abernethy, Lorenzo Johnson, Ivey Daughtry, Jeneeda Hardwick, Elaine Thomas, James Capps, Tishie Capps, James McCurley, and Ocie Phillips.

NOTICE

FLAGS ARE TO FLY AT HALF STAFF TODAY IN HONOR OF ELBA POLICE OFFICER GREG GAY WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON JULY 31, 1995.

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The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

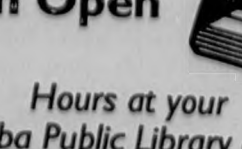
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UNITED WAY OF COFFEE COUNTY has awarded 13 "Venture Grants" to area organizations with specific projects to benefit community residents. The amount of funds available for the one-time allocations is dependent on the success of the United Way campaign each year. Organizations receiving funds (and some area representatives receiving them) are: American Lung Association, Association of Service Agencies, Boy Scouts, Damascus Senior Center (Margaret Davis); Elba Elementary School (Marsha Oggs - supplies for Family Night to be held in fall of '97); F.A.C.E.S.; Food Bank; Kinston Rescue Squad; Kinston Senior Center; New Brockton Elementary School (Lynn Baker - "Project Read" Accelerated Reading Program); Project Eldercare; Salvation Army; and Youth Chapter of NAACP.

Siegelman to lead War Memorial Campaign

Lt. Gov. Don Siegelman has been named by former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole to be Alabama chair for the World War II Memorial campaign.

Siegelman will be working closely with former Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, who is serving as regional chair for Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, to help raise the \$100 million needed to build the nation's only national World War II Memorial.

"Don is a significant addition to the World War II Memorial family and I know his fund-raising efforts will be highly successful," Dole said.

Siegelman's record of public service in Alabama includes attorney general and secretary of state. A former member of the Alabama National Guard, he was honored by the American Legion for helping to make it easier for military personnel to cast absentee ballots.

Congressman Montgomery is a retired major general in the Mississippi Army National Guard and served 14 years as chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Donations to help build the memorial may be sent to: World War II Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 96766, Washington, DC 20090-6766.



RAYFORD HODGE RETIRES... A retirement ceremony and luncheon were held recently at Lowe Field to honor Rayford Hodge upon his retirement from DynCorp, aircraft maintenance contractor at Ft. Rucker. Hodge had 34 years of service as an aircraft mechanic. He is pictured above (r) receiving his retirement plaque from Lamar Grice, manager at Lowe Field, who said, "Ray has been a loyal and dedicated employee for the past 34 years and will be missed by the company and his co-workers."

Rayford and his wife Jane live in Elba. They have six children: Sue H. Holloway, Teresa R. English, Tammy Hodge, Jo Ann S. Bedsole, Jeffery W. Smart and Rebecca S. Pilcher. Hodge has nine grandchildren, and enjoys attending auctions.

National Security declares dividends

The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.7 per share at its meeting on July 19, 1997.

This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of \$6.8 per share. This cash dividend is payable on

Aug. 29, 1997, to shareholders of record Aug. 4, 1997.

With its home office in Elba, National Security Group, Inc., is an insurance holding company.

Its shares are traded in the over-the-counter market under the NASDAQ symbol NSEC.

That usually leads to cuts in funding for treatment and so less people are treated. Soon the number of cases starts to go back up. It's a vicious cycle."

When the number of cases goes down, public interest goes down.

Alabama has 420 active cases,

down somewhat from previous years. But that fluctuation in numbers is a problem, says UAB pulmonary specialist Nancy Dunlap, M.D.

"When the number of cases goes down, public interest goes down."

Area Deaths

MYRA EVELYN SMITH
Mrs. Myra Evelyn Smith, age 79, of Elba, died July 27, 1997, at Enterprise Medical Center.

Funeral services were held July 29, 1997, at 10 a.m. at Whitewater Baptist Church with Rev. Danny Maddox officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Myrna Cotton, Elba; two sons: Norman Johns, Enterprise, and Murray Johns, Orlando, Fla.; four granddaughters: Sophia Kelley, New Brockton; Robyn Rhodes, Auburn; Kelly Belgrade and Allison Delgado, both of Orlando, Fla.; four grandsons: Tony Johns, Jack, Ala.; Rob Rhoades, Ft. Collins, Col.; Lee Coleman, Oxford, Ohio; Grant Coleman, Birmingham, Ala.; four great-grandchildren.

BONCILE N. HODGE
Mrs. Boncile N. Hodge, age 68, of Elba, died July 22, 1997, at her home.

Funeral services were held July 24, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Eddie Davis, Rev. John Holley, and Rev. Earl Kelley officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Fletcher Hodge, Elba; one son: Jackie Hodge, Elba; two sisters: Sybil Hines, Elba, and Faye Sauls, Thomas, Ga.; three brothers: Haywood Nelson, Waylon Nelson, and Phillip Nelson, all of Elba; two grandsons, two great-grandsons, two great-granddaughters.

WILLIE JAMES SILER
Mr. Willie James ("Punk") Siler of Elba died July 15, 1997, in the VA Hospital in Tuskegee, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 21, 1997, at 2 p.m. at the Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Elba, with Elder William K. Ellison, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Deborah; children: Jamelle and James, and a special son: Brandon, all of Elba; his father: E.J. (Sam) Siler, Elba; four brothers: John Siler, Marvin Siler, Larry Siler, all of Elba, and Lewis Siler, Laurel, Md.; five sisters: Mae Dean Johnson, Upper Marlboro, Md.; Irene Wil-

liams, Waldorf, Md.; Lucille Hay, Mitchellville, Md.; Linda Tabron, Springfield, Va.; and Lesha McMurray, Charlotte, N.C.

Pre-needed Funeral Planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home for details 897-2225

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express how much we appreciate all the loving kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, **BONCILE N. HODGE**.

To all of you, family and friends, Hospice, E.M.S., and Renal Associates of Troy, Thanks so much.

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Social Notes

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Miss Lawson, Mr. Macon

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NEW ARRIVALS

DIXIE CHRISTINA DORSEY

Tina and Claude Dorsey of Tuscaloosa announce the birth of a daughter, Dixie Christina, on July 15, 1997. Christina weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her sister, Mary Katherine.

Grandparents are Pete and Dixie Dorsey, Elba; and Mary Lou Meadows, Killen, Ala.

Great-grandparents are Bernice and Dick Hayes, Elba; and Christina and Nelson Hester, Tusculumbia.



Heath Elisha Johnson

HEATH ELISHA JOHNSON
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson announce the birth of their son, Heath Elisha Johnson, on June 19, 1997, in a Dothan hospital.

Heath weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Durl and Shirley Dean of Elba, and Dorothy Johnson of Troy.

Heath was welcomed home by a proud brother, Will.



Dalton Allen Sewell

DALTON ALLEN SEWELL
Terry and Crystal Sewell of Elba announce the birth of a son, Dalton Allen Sewell, on July 7, 1997.

The new arrival weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and measured 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are David and Brenda Johnson, and Andy and Martha Berry, all of Elba, and "Big Daddy" George Sewell.

Dalton was welcomed home by a big sister, Kayla, age 2.

Oliver-Cowart wedding held Saturday, May 24th

Rachel Louise Cowart and David McCarty Oliver were married May 24, 1997, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba United Methodist Church.

Rev. Marvin Ennis and Rev. John Carmichael officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Dr. and Mrs. William Oliver Cowart of Elba.

Grandparents are Mrs. George Raymond Adams and the late Mr. Adams of Moultrie, Ga., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Buchanan Cowart of Troy.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Percy Oliver II of Dadeville, Ala.

Grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Oliver of Dadeville, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vann of Lewisburg, Tenn.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore her mother's gown of ivory silk duchesse satin with scooped neckline and cap sleeves, accented with silk piping.

The back was accented with silk-covered buttons and the skirt fell into a chapel-length train.

The headpiece of Rachel's silk illusion veil, designed by Mrs. Cowart, was made of hand-made tating with tiny pearls.

She carried a nosegay of ivory tea roses and stephanotis, accented with ivory silk loops.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Cowart, wore a light green crepe dress with matching jacket. The neckline was accented with embroidery and tiny rhinestones.

Mrs. Oliver, mother of the groom, wore a deep aqua silk suit with a detailed neckline.

Both mothers carried nosegays of fresh flowers in ivory holders.

The church was beautifully decorated with fresh, mixed bouquets, including delphinium, iris and gladiolus on the altar and in the choir loft. Peace lilies accented the altar rail.

Family pews were marked with small bundles of roses, iris and ivory and green ribbons.

Entrance doors were draped with grapevines and wisteria.

Matron of honor was Lesley Sugas of Charlotte, N.C.

Bridesmaids were Beverly Cowart, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., sister-in-law of the bride; Leslie Oliver, Denver, Colo., sister of the groom; Debbie Counts, Huntsville, Ala.; Sammi Blancher, Pensacola, Fla.; and Annette Reburn, cousin of the bride, Gardendale, Ala.

Aubrey Reburn of Gardendale was flower girl.

Bridesmaids wore tea-length, periwinkle blue gowns fashioned with satin empire-waist bodices and chiffon skirts. They carried short-stemmed bunches of calla lilies tied with periwinkle silk ribbon.

John Oliver, father of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen were John Cunningham, Atlanta, Ga.; Greg Goldberg, Memphis, Tenn.; Jeff Hanlin and Chris Leasure, Denver, Colo.; Mike Witt, Lawrence, Kan.; Rick Cord, Glendale, Ariz.; Steve Cowart, brother of the bride, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; and Kevin Gammon, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Kenneth Baker served as organist, and played selections by Bach, Franck and Handel.

A reception followed at the Ft. Rucker Officers Club.

The groom's parents hosted the after-reception dinner at the Charleston House in Enterprise.

After a honeymoon trip to Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, the couple resides in Birmingham.



Mrs. David McCarty Oliver

light purple and green ribbons adorned the entrance doors, where guests were greeted by Mrs. Harper.

Upon entering, guests were served mimosa from a cut-glass punch bowl by co-hostess Tiffany Harper Blount.

Beautiful rose arrangements in cut-glass containers highlighted the dining tables, and rose petals adorned the linen cloths.

Individual place cards were decorated with the bride's colors. Roses were from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Boyd III. Gardenias from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols completed the floral arrangements.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal of fruit salad, sausage-egg quiche, Canadian bacon and cheese grits. Crescent rolls and assorted jellies, and a dessert of homemade apple dumplings topped with ice cream were also served.

The hostesses presented the bride-to-be with a beautiful gift of silver, and Miss Cowart presented her bridesmaids with silver initialed Jefferson cups as mementoes of the occasion.

On the same day, Marion and Nancy Brunson served a delicious brunch for the future groom, David Oliver, and his guests.

Decorations for the brunch included wild oak-leaf hydrangea. The groom-to-be, family and friends enjoyed fresh fruit and juice, sausage and egg casserole, cheese grits and Mrs. Brunson's sour dough bread served with assorted jams and jellies.

David presented his groomsmen with original art pottery.

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Socials & Community News

Hostesses honor Miss Markell Adkison with miscellaneous bridal shower



Picture L to R: Miss Markell Adkison-honoree, Mrs. Sue Adkison, Mrs. Ernestine Powers and Mrs. Sible Adkison.



ESJC CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM...Enterprise State Junior College's Spring Quarter Career Training Program participants recently completed their program. Pictured on the (front row, l to r) are Jeannie Allen of Elba, Melissa Wright and Tina Zimmernann of Enterprise; (back row, l to r) are Jeannie Mote of Glenwood, Amanda Matthews of New Brockton, Terri Maglothin of Ozark, and ESJC Instructor Cindy Hays of Enterprise. The Career Training Program serves men and women who need support and encouragement to enable them to return to school or re-enter the workforce. The program covers the topics of self-exploration, career exploration, education and training analysis, and job search skills. In cooperation with area educational institutions, community agencies, and private firms, the project has successfully served over 1,500 men and women since its inception in 1979. The next session will be held during the fall quarter.

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Amanda Martin celebrates sixth birthday



Amanda Martin

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Meghan Lewis

Meghan Lewis is one year old

Meghan Lewis, daughter of Steve and Stacy Lewis, celebrated her first birthday on July 29.

Her grandparents are Pete and Shena Johnson, Elba; James and Cathy Smith, and J.O. and Betty Lewis, all of Georgia.

Great-grandmother is Eva Mae Smith, Elba.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I'm writing this week's column a few days earlier than usual to allow the family a few days out of town before school starts. If I miss something because of this, feel safe that I will catch up very quickly....

***New Brockton held its annual summer basketball camp recently and taking home one of the prizes for being one of the top campers was Elba's own Tim Ware. Ware, a 6'4", freshman, has been a dominant force at the junior high level for a number of years, and this year should be ready to take that next step and start banging bodies with the big boys. One thing for sure...the folks over in Brockton think he's ready!

***The Elba Tigers are continuing to work hard in pre-season drills and the word out of Tigertown is that this year's squad will have between 35-45 players. Many of the players have been working hard all summer running and lifting weights, and that personal pride and determination will pay off as the season rolls along. Oh yea, the players report that Coach David Sikes is fair, but firm, and all the players seem to like the new Tiger boss.

***The Alabama High School Athletic Association's "All-Star Sports Week" was held last week in Montgomery, and despite smaller than expected crowds at many of the events, the first edition of the All-Star week was without a doubt a big hit for the players, coaches and others involved. The student-athletes across the state are placed at a higher level than other students, and it's great to see that they now have a chance to be honored for making the sacrifice to excel in athletics.

***While on the subject of student-athletes, I believe that the State Board of Education should extend the "No Pass - No Play" policy to all students as far as extra-curricular activities are concerned. Student-athletes should have to make the grade to participate in sports; however, let's make the rest of the students also play by the rules. If a kid wants to be in a club, make him keep up his grades in all his classes. If a kid wants to be in the band or be a cheerleader, make 'em meet the same academic standards that the athletes must meet. Fair is fair, and what is good for one should be good for all. Quit picking on the students that participate in sports!

***Some of my friends up at Troy State might try and hold the world's longest tailgate party this fall when the Trojans kick off at 9 PM in order to get on TV. Troy State could be on the tube as many as four times this fall on SportsSouth, and obviously will kick off whenever needed to get in on some of that additional TV revenue.

***I've watched more Atlanta Braves games this summer than ever before, and can't for the life of me figure out why they won't unload one of their over-priced, over-the-hill players for a couple of decent relief pitchers. Fred McGriff and Jeff Blauser are both expendable, and since both are highly-overpaid millionaires, they could save some money and get some much needed pitching help at the same time. C'mon guys, I know you are tired of the bullpen blowing games, too!

***The Dixie Pre-Majors World Series will swing into action this weekend in Enterprise, and all area baseball fans should plan on taking in at least some of the action. A total of twelve teams from eleven states will invade Coffee County to take part in the annual event, which will feature some of the nation's top 15-16 year-old baseball players. The people over in Enterprise have been hard at work for almost a year getting ready for the Series, and would love to see the bleachers filled for all the games. See 'ya there.

***The youth football season is just around the corner, and that means that Miller Memorial Stadium is getting ready to come back to life. The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has been working hard in recent weeks to get the field back in shape, and last week it looked like the field was looking better each and every day I rode by. I know that the Elba Tigers will never play at the field again, but the ghosts of many, many Tigers are still roaming around the old stadium and it still feels good to walk the field.

***The City of Elba's public swimming pool will close on August 9 for the summer, and local swimmers should be in for a real treat when they come to the pool next year, as a major renovation project is planned for the pool and deck. Funding will play a part in just what renovation is made; however, Mayor Grimes is committed to doing repairs to the thirteen-year-old pool, and maybe next summer it will look like new.

***Another recreation project that has plans for getting the go-ahead is the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Hawkins-Williams Park. The courts have needed a new surface and windscreens for many years, and plans are for the project to become a reality during the coming months. Tennis has gained a lot of interest in the area over the past couple of years, and when the courts are made attractive with the new surface and other repairs, the sport could really become a favorite among those of all ages.

WZTZ softball tourney is set for August 9 in Elba park

The annual WZTZ Softball Classic will be held on Saturday, August 9, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba.

The tournament will be open to men's Class C and D softball teams, and the entry fee will be \$100 and teams will hit their own MSP47 softballs.

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Reactions to new policy are mixed

"No pass, no play" policy adopted by AHSAA

The Alabama High School Athletic Association adopted a new "No Pass - No Play" policy for the 1998-99 school year, and while the new policy will make athletes hit the books as well as the playing field, most educators believe the new policy will actually have little effect on the eligibility of the student-athletes.

The new ruling states that student-athletes must maintain a 70 average in six classes each school year, including all four core classes: mathematics, science, English and social studies. In the event of an average below 70, two classes may be dropped during the summer at an approved summer school.

"I haven't really had an opportunity to study the new policy," stated Elba High School guidance counselor Mike Carnley, "but I don't think the new, tougher policies will have much of an impact on the student-athletes that are dedicated to both sports and academics. The requirement to maintain a

70 average in the core classes will be the key to the new policy, and should make the student-athletes work a little harder in the classroom."

The newly adopted policy applies to students entering the 10th and 11th grades in 1998-99, and the 10th, 11th and 12th grades in 1999-2000. The academic rules will remain the same for students entering the eighth and ninth grades.

While the new policy applies to all AHSAA member schools, it does not affect other extra-curricular activities, such as band and cheerleading. "I would like to see the no pass-no play policy used for all students that participate in any extra-curricular activity," added Carnley. "If a student wishes to participate in school-related activities that require additional time after regular school hours, they too should be required to maintain an academic level. Classroom should always come

first, and I'm sure the state will realize this and make adjustments to cover all students that take part in extra-curricular activities."

Alabama State School Superintendent Dr. Ed Richardson, who lobbied for the new policy, stated "I

am very pleased that the Alabama High School Athletic Association voted to approve the no pass - no play rule, and I am optimistic that students will be served well in the long run through the adoption of the policy."

Little League football practice to begin at ZC

Zion Chapel Little League football practice will begin Monday, Aug. 4, at 5:30 p.m., according to Coach Randy Grant.

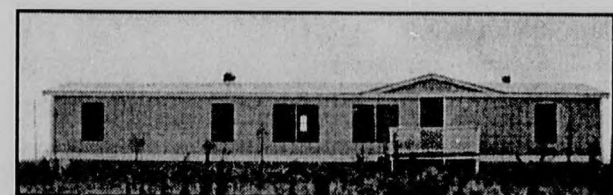
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LISTING 270 - Must See!!! This beautifully decorated 3-bedroom, 3-bath home has large kitchen and breakfast area with ceramic pavers, oak cabinets, formal dining/living room with hardwood floors and French doors, large den, sun-tan room, hardwood floors in master suite, master bath has garden tub and separate shower, large utility room and 1 car garage. Situated on 3 acres. Call today. Don't miss this one!!!! Sale price \$97,000.



LISTING 272 - Mini-Farm Provides Maximum Pleasure! This 2.5+ acres has small pond, beautiful 14x80 mobile home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 deep wells, fencing, and lots of shade trees for enjoying the peace and quiet of country living. Realize your dreams! Sale Price \$54,000.



LISTING 275 - Hwy 189 convenient to hospital and school. Cramped for space!!!!!! The space you need is in this unique 4-bedroom, 3-bath home situated on approx. 2 acres. The home has large bedrooms, large den with fireplace, kitchen with breakfast area, dining room, new roof, 2 central units, and insulated windows. Located on Hwy 189 convenient to hospital and schools. Property also has a 2-bedroom, 1-bath mobile home with screen porch, 3 septic tanks, deep well and fruit trees. All this can be yours for only \$89,900. Call today.



LISTING 221 COMMERCIAL - Office building on Hwy 87 N. Brick building contains approx 1081 sq ft. Main reception area, 3 offices, restroom and paved parking area.

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A "Blue" night of racing at Coffee County Mudd Traxx

The Coffee County Mudd Traxx held another exciting evening of action on Saturday, July 19, and it turned out to be a "Blue" night for the drivers at the track as "Blue Thunder" and "Blue Beast" combined to claim six top three finishes.

The Factory Stock feature was won by Mitchell Maddox, while placing second was Lee Boutwell, driving "Redneck's Revenge," and in third by Billy Nelson in "Master of Disaster."

Anna Miller, driving "Anna's Toy," won the Ladies Factory Modified, while taking second was Cindy Nelson in "Master of Disaster."

Doug Golden, driving "Poison Passion," claimed top honors in the Super Stock event, and also placed second behind the wheel of "Blue Thunder." Taking third was Bobby Young in "Blue Beast."

The Ladies Super Stock winner was Lynn Young, in "Blue Beast," followed in second by Tammy Golden in "Blue Thunder," and Tammy Buzzan in "The Boss."

The Pro Stock event was won by Doug Golden, driving "Blue Thunder." Bobby Young, in "Blue Beast" placed second, while Heavy Watson finished third in "Dixie Stomper."

The next night of racing will be held on Saturday, August 2, at the Coffee County Mudd Traxx, located just off Highway 87, North of Elba. Races will begin at 6 PM, rain or shine!

Three-on-Three cage tourney to be held in Opp

There will be a three-on-three basketball tournament at Opp High School on Saturday, August 2, beginning at 9 AM.

The entry fee is \$20 per team, with the winning team to receive \$250. Admission for the public will be \$1, and door prizes will be given away throughout the tournament.

For more information, contact the Opp Jaycees at 334/493-9559, 334/493-7584 or 334/493-1035.

Student enrollment figures reveal continuing changes at schools

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has released its new classifications for the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 school years, and included in the classifications is the population of the members schools across the state.

The populations are based upon students in grades 10-12, and ninth grade hold-backs, and the schools are classified based upon the enrollment figures.

Following are the student populations of area schools, based upon the latest enrollment figures:

McKenzie.....	87.8	Lanett.....	275.3
Courtland.....	90.0	W.S. Neal.....	280.1
Houston Academy.....	110.0	Pike County.....	281.0
Pleasant Home.....	119.1	Abbeville.....	289.7
G.W. Long.....	124.0	Dadeville.....	299.7
Zion Chapel.....	124.5	Geneva.....	302.8
Floral.....	125.4	Rehobeth.....	304.5
Brantley.....	126.4	Elmore County.....	309.5
Kinston.....	129.8	Dale County.....	314.0
Wicksburg.....	130.9	Ashford.....	320.0
Ariton.....	135.3	T.R. Miller.....	320.0
Hazlewood.....	138.1	St. Paul's.....	322.0
Highland Home.....	155.7	Thomasville.....	322.4
Red Level.....	162.4	Headland.....	330.7
Geneva County.....	163.0	Bullock County.....	331.4
New Brockton.....	167.0	Daleville.....	373.8
Louisville.....	168.8	Andalusia.....	412.5
Cottonwood.....	176.2	Ch. Henderson.....	432.5
Houston County.....	180.0	Opp.....	451.2
Georgiana.....	182.0	Monroe County.....	463.3
Samson.....	184.0	Hillcrest.....	498.2
Straughton.....	188.3	Eufaula.....	564.0
Mont. Academy.....	200.0	Greenville.....	607.8
Excel.....	206.1	Carroll.....	677.5
Elba.....	209.8	Smiths Station.....	724.4
Goshen.....	210.9	Auburn.....	829.8
Slocumb.....	212.7	Opelika.....	840.8
Clayton.....	214.2	Northview.....	934.9
Flomaton.....	224.3	Dothan.....	939.7
Calhoun.....	243.9	Carver.....	987.9
Luverne.....	244.1	Enterprise.....	1,171.7
St. James.....	254.0	Lanier.....	1,626.8
Holtville.....	257.9	Jeff Davis.....	1,813.5
UMS-Wright.....	272.6	R.E. Lee.....	1,941.5